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GRAVES ALONG THE WAY .

JOHN COLLINS JR. *died @ Sea*

BORN 1833

AtCollingbourne, Wilts, Eng.

MARRIED.MARY GODDARD

DIED SEPT. 1864

A FEW DAYS TRAVEL FROM SALT LAKE CITY. *Incorrect PPH*

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JOHN COLLINS.

John Collins^{Jr} was the fifth child of John and Prisallia Shefford Collins. He was born at Collingbourne, Wilts, England, in 1833. His brothers and sisters listed in the order of their births were; Henry, George, Charles, Joyce, John, Thomas, Aquilla, Joab, Imla, Sarah and Juniah.

This family was highly respected for their integrity and kindness to others. John's father was a farmer, also he knew how to care for timber to be used for many different purposes, such as weaving willow fences, baskets and hurdles and he taught his sons the same skills,

by Samuel Liddiard
The family prospered and were happy in just being together. At this time the Gospel of "Jesus Christ of latter -Day Saints" was presented to them and they became interested in the truths they heard. Elder Beck and Elder Bird, both from the valley of the Great Salt Lake came to the Collins home and held cottage meetings at which all the family members were present. John was the first to be baptized into the Church, then his father, mother and brother Aquilla and his wife also a brother-in-law Thomas Cook. They were all anxious to gather to Zion. The previous year a sister Sarah and her husband Samuel Liddiard had emigrated to Salt Lake City.

Came together
John was 31 years of age, he was married to a lovely woman her name was Mary Goddard and they had enough money to buy their passage to America. They were also anxious to dwell in Zion.

Sailing Ship "Hudson"
The name of this ship or the time of its departure or its arrival in America is not known at the present time. However we do know they traveled over the plains and when they were a few days travel from, Salt Lake City, John became sick and died in Sept. 1864 and was buried *at sea* at this place. (Two years later 1866 the mother and other members of the family traveling to Salt Lake visited his grave. It was a sad occasion as his father John Sr. had died a few days before and was buried at Hams Fork, Wyoming).

3 June 1864
Saddened but brave Mary finally arrived in Salt Lake City where she was welcomed and cared for by her sister and brother-in-law, Sarah and Samuel Liddiard. Mary also lost her only baby at this time. The Liddiards also took care of another widowed sister-in-law, Catherine Fields Liddiard, widow of Edward Liddiard. They all suffered great privation during this winter.

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Mary later married a Mr. *William* Davis, they moved to Heber Valley what is now known as Hailstone Ranch. Here they found happiness and reared a family.

"Grandma Davis"
Mary was affectionally called "Aunt Mary Davis" by the Collins family and Many pleasant visits were exchanged between the families.